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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 455X) BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Stearns County, MN**

On April 17, 2007, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.79-mile line of railroad between milepost 16.21 and milepost 17.00, near Cold Spring, in Stearns County, MN.

By decision served May 7, 2007, the STB granted exemption authority to abandon effective June 6, 2007. The STB also required the abandonment to be consummated by May 7, 2008.

By decision served June 5, 2007, the STB modified its May 7, 2007 decision to implement interim trail use/railbanking and to permit public use negotiations for a period of 180 days, commencing on June 6, 2007, and expiring on December 3, 2007.

By letter dated August 2, 2007, the MDOT and MDNR jointly requested that the STB rescind the issuance of the Public Use Condition as well as the Interim Trails Use Condition.

This letter is to inform the STB that BNSF has no plans to implement interim trail use/railbanking or to negotiate public uses for the line and concurs with the MDOT and MDNR joint request for removal of the Public Use Condition and the Interim Trails Use Condition.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,


Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

Cc: Jake DeBoever
John Sims